CURSE MONOPOLY THE

Of the United States. Also an Evil Power. Infidelity? a Source of Weak-

ness. In this discourse Dr. Talmage speaks of some of the perils that threaten our American instituions, and points out the path of safety; text, Isaiah lxii, 4, 'Thy land shall be married.'

As the greater includes the less, so loes the circle of future jey around our entire world include the epicycle of our own republic. Bold, exhilarant, unique, divine imagery of our text. At the close of a week in which for three days our national capital was a pageant and all that grand review and bannered procession and national anthems could do, celebrated peace, it may not be inapt to anticipate the time when the Prince of Peace and the heir of universal dominion shall take possession of this nation, and "tny land shall be married." In discussing the final destiny of this

nation it makes all the difference in the world whether we are on the way to a funeral or a wedding. The Bible leaves no doubt on this subject. In pulpits and on platforms and in places of public concourse, I hear so many of the muffled drums of evil prophecy sounded, as though we were on the way to national interment, and besides Thebes and Babylon and Tyre in the cemetery of dead nations our republic was to be entombed, that I wish you to understand it is not to be obsequies, but nuptials; not mausoleum, but carpeted al tar; not requiem, but wedding march;

for "thy land shall be married. I propose to name some of the suitors who are claiming the hand of this republic. This land is so fair, so beautiful, so affluent that it has many suitors, and it will depend much upon your advice whether this or that shall be accepted or rejected. In the first place, I remark: There is a greedy, all grasping monster who comes in as suitor seeking the hand of this republic, and that monster is known by the name of monopoly. His scepter is made out of the iron of the rail track and the wire of telegraphy. He does everything for his own advantage and for the robbery of the people. Things went on from bad to worse until in the three legislatures, of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania for a long time monopoly decided everything. If monopoly favor a law, it passes; if monopoly oppose a law it is rejected. Monopoly stands in the railroad depot putting into his pockets in one year \$200,000,000 in excess for all reasonable charges for services. Monopoly hold in his one hand the steam power of locomotion and in the other the electricity of swift communication. Monopoly has the Repubcan party in one pocket and the Demoeratic party in the other pocket. Monopoly decides nominations and elections-city elections, state elections, national elections. With bribes he secures the votes of legislators, giving them free passes, giving appointments to needy relatives to lucrative positions, employing them as attorneys if they are lawyers, carrying their goods for 15 per cent. less if they are merchants, and if he find a case very stubborn as

well as very important puts down be-fore him the hard cash of bribery. But monopoly is not so easily caught now as when during the term of Mr. Buchanan the legislative committee in one of our states explored and exposed the manner in which a certain railway company had obtained a donation of public land. It was found out that 13 of the senators of that state received \$175,000 among them, 60 members of the lower house of that state received between \$5,000 and \$10,000 each, the governor of that state received \$50,000, ant governor received \$10,000, all the clerks of the legislature received \$5,000 each, while \$50,000 was divided among | and Bornesian cannibalism. If infidelilarger or smaller scale is all the time | would in 200 years turn the civilized going on in some of the states of the unations back to semibarbarism, and Union, but it is not so blundering as it then from semibarbarism into midused to be, and therefore not so easily night savagery, until the morals of a exposed or arrested. I tell you that the menagerie of tigers, rattlesnakes and overshadowing curse of the United chimpanzes would be better than the States today is monopoly. He puts his morals of the shipwrecked human race. The only impulse in the right directions. every sack of salt, upon every ton of coal, and every man, woman and child that moneyed despotism. I rejoice that in 24 states of the Union already anti-monopoly leagues have been established. God speed them in the work

of liberation. I have nothing to say against capitalists; a man has a right to all the money he can make honestly. I have nothing of the prophecies of Habakkuk, and to say against corporations as such; without them no great enterprise would was, declared it was the best poetry be possible, but what I do say is they had ever heard. That book brought that the same principles are to be George Washington down on his knees applied to capitalists and to cor- in the snow at Valley Forge, and led porations that are applied to the the dying Prince Albert to ask some poorest man and the plainest laborer. one to sing "Rock of Ages." What is wrong for me is wrong for great corporations. If I take from you your property without any adequate compen-Ireland has driven multitudinous ten-

Monopoly, brazen faced, iron fingerhand to this republic. He stretches it out over the lakes and up the great railroads and over the telegraph poles of the continent and says: "Here are my heart and hand. Be mine forever." Let the millions of the people north, south, east and west forbid the banns of that marriage, forbid them at the ballet box, forbid them on the platform, forbid them by great organizations, for-

bid them by the overwhelming sentiment of an outraged nation, forbid them by the protest of the church of God, forbid them by prayer to high heavens That Herod shall not have this Abigail. It shall not be to all devouring monopoly that this land is to be married. Another suitor claiming the hand of

president on earth, and, if he had the is not my figure. It is the figure of the bride of nations kneel and then if the boat also sank.

power, would climb up until he could drive the Gcd of heaven from his throne and take it himself, the universal butcher. In France it is called communism; in the United States it is called anarchism; in Russia it is called nihilism, but that is the most graphic and descriptive term. It means complete and eternal smash up. It would make the holding of property a crime, and it would drive a dagger through your heart and put a torch to your dwelling and turn over this whole land into the possession of theft and lust and rapine and

Where does this monster live? all the towns and cities of this land. It offers its hand to this fair republic. It proposes to tear to pieces the ballot box, the legislative hall, the congressional assembly. It would take this land and divide it up, or rather, divide t down. It would give as much to the idler as to the worker, to the bad as to the good. Nihilism! This panther having prowled across other lands has set its paw on our soil, and it is only waiting for the time in which to spring upon its prey. It was nihilism that burned the railroad property at Pittsburg during the great riots; it was nihilism that slew black people in our northern cities during the war; it was nihilism that mauled to death the Chinese immigrants years ago; it is nihilism that glares out of the windows of the drunkeries upon sober people as they go by. Ah, its power has never yet been tested. I pray God its power may never be fully tested. It would, if it had the power, leave every church,

lege in ashes.

the laboring classes in any country. The honest cry for reform lifted by oppressed laboring men is drowned out by the vociferation for anarchy. The criminals and the vagabonds who range through our cities talking about their rights, when their first right is the penitentiary—if they could be hushed up, and the downtrodden laboring men of this country could be heard, there would be more bread for hungry children. In this land, riot and bloodshed never gained any wages for the people or gathered up any prosperity. In this land the best weapon is not the club, not the shillalah, not firearms, but the ballot. Let not our oppressed laboring men be beguiled to coming under the bloody banner of nihilism. It will make your taxes heavier, your wages smaller, your table scantier, your children hungrier, your suffering greater. Yet this nihilism, with feet red of slaughter, comes forth and offers its hand for this republic. Shall the banns be proclaimed? If so, where shall the marriage altar be? and who will be the officiating priest? and what will be the music? That altar will have to be white with bleached skulls, the officiating priest must be a dripping assassin the music must be the smothered groan of multitudinous victims, the garlands must be twisted of night shade, the fruits must be apples of Sodom, the wine must be the blood of St. Bartholomew's massacre. No! It is not to nihilism, the sanguinary monster, that this land is to be married.

nation is infidelity. When the mid-night ruffians despoiled the grave of A. T. Stewart in St. Mark's churchyard everybody was shocked; but infidelity proposes something worse than thatthe robbing of all the graves of christendom of the hope of a resurrection. It proposes to chisel out from the tombstones of your Christian dead the words 'Asleep in Jesus," and substitute the "Obliteration-annihilation." Infidelity proposes to take the letter from the world's Father, inviting the nations to virtue and happiness, and tear it up into fragments so small that you cannot read a word of it. It proposes to take the consolation from the brokenhearted, and the soothing pillow from the dying. Infidelity proposes to swear in the president of the United States, and the supreme court, and the governors of states, and the witnesses in the courtroom with their right hand on Paine's Age of Reason," or Voltaire's "Philosophy of History." It proposes governor of that state received \$50,000, his clerk received \$5,000, the lieuten-United States and the kingdom of Dahomey, between American civilization the lobby agents. That thing on a ty could destroy the Scriptures, it

Another suitor for the hand of this

tion that this world has ever had has come from the Bible. It was the in the United States feels the touch of mother of Roman law and of healthful jurisprudence. That book has been the mother of all reforms and all charities -mother of English magna charta and American declaration of independence. Benjamin Franklin, holding that holy book in his hand, stood before an infidel club in Paris and read to them out the infidels, not knowing what book it

I tell you that the worst attempted crime of the century is the attempt to destroy this book. Yet infidelity, sation, I am a thief, and, if a railway loathsome, stenchful, leprous, pestiferdamages the property of the people ous, rotten monster, stretches out its without making any adequate compen- hand, ichorous with the second death, sation, that is a gigantic theft. What to take the hand of this republic. It is wrong on a small scale is wrong on a stretches it out through seductive magalarge scale. Monopoly in England has zines, and through lyceum lectures, ground hundreds of thousands of her and through caricatures of religion. It best people into semistarvation, and in asks for all that part of the continent already fully settled and the two-thirds ants almost to madness, and in the United States proposes to take the wealth of sixty or seventy millions of the church and with the Christian people and put it in a few silken wal- printing presses. Then give me Wyoming, give me Alaska, give m; Montana, give me Colorado, give me all the states ed, vulture hearted monopoly, offers his | west of the Mississippi and I will take those places and keep them by right of

possession long before the gospel can be fully intrenched. And this suitor presses his case appallingly. Shall the banns of that marriage be proclaimed? "No!" say the home missionaries of the west, a martyr band of whom the world is not worthy, toiling amid fatigues and malaria and starvation. "No, not if we can help it. By what we and our children have suffered we forbid the banns of that mar-"No!" say all patriotic voices. riage!" 'Our institutions were bought at too dear a price and were defended at too great a sacrifice to be so cheaply sur-rendered." "No!" says the God of

no heaven and no hell except what he ents his claim for the hand of this recome to the marriage altar on one side, dock, and so far it has been impossible scope mustache; at 20 a chief justice come to the marriage altar on one side, no neaven and no hell except what he can make on earth. He slew the czar of Russia, keeps many a king practically imprisoned, killed Abraham Lincoln, would put to death every king and president on earth, and, if he had the list not my figure. It is the figure of the latter of the marriage altar on one side, and the New York and the New York to locate the bodies or ascertain the come to the marriage altar on one side, and then let Bostons and the New York and the New York to locate the bodies or ascertain the come to the marriage altar on the other and got in the way of a steamer. The boat upturned and all went under. The president on earth, and, if he had the list not my figure. It is the figure of the latter on one side, and then let Bostons and the New York and the New York and the New York to locate the bodies or ascertain the come to the marriage altar on the other and got in the way of a steamer. The boat upturned and all went under. The boat upturned and all went under.

a hand in marriage. Does this Christ. the King, deserve this land? Behold Pilate's hall andthe insulting expectoration on the face of Christ. Behold the Calvarean massacre and the awful hemorreage of five wounds. Jacob served 14 years for Rachel, but Christ, 33 years to win the love of this world. As often princesses at their very birth are pledged in treaty of marriage to princes or kings of earth, so this nation at its birth was pledged to Christ for divine marriage.

Before Columbus and his 120 men embarked on the Santa Maria, the Pinta and the Nina for their wonderful voyage what was the last thing they did? They sat down and took the holy sacrament of the Lord Jesus Christ. After they caught the first glimpse of this country and the gun of one ship had land had been discovered, what was the song that went up from all the three decks? "Gloria in excelsis." After Columbus and his 120 men had stepped from the ship's deck to the solid ground, what did they do? They all knelt and consecrated the new world to God. What did the Huguenots do after they landed in the Carolinas? What did the Holland refugees do after they had landed in New York? What did the pilgrim fathers do after they landed in New chapel, cathedral, schoolhouse and col-England? With bended knee and uplifted face and heaven besieging prayer, Let me say it is the worst enemy of they took possession of this continent for God. How was the first American congress opened? By prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ. From its birth this nation was pledged for holy marriage with Christ.

And then see how good God has been to us! Just open the map of the continent and see how it is shaped for immeasurable prosperities. Navigable rivers, more in number and greater than of any other land, rolling down on all sides into the sea, prophesying large manufactures and easy commerce. Look at the great ranges of mountains timbered with wealth on the top and sides, metaled with wealth underneath. One hundred and eighty thousand square miles of coal. One hundred and eighty thousand square miles of iron. The land so contoured that extreme weather hardly ever lasts more than three days—extreme heat or extreme cold. Climate for the most part bracing and favorable for brawn and brain. All fruits, all minerals, all harvests. Scenery displaying an autumbal pageantry that no land on earth pretends to rival. No South American earthquakes. No Scotch mists. No London fogs. No Egpytian plagues. No Germanic divisions. The people of the United States are happier than any people on earth. It is the testimony of every man that has traveled abroad. For the poor, more sympathy; for the industries, more opportunity. Oh, how good God was to our fathers. and how good he has been to us and our children. To him-blessed be his mighty name-to him of cross and triumph to him who still remembers the prayer of the Huguenots and Holland refugees and the pilgrim fathers-to him shall this land be married. Oh, you Christian patriots, by your contributions and your prayers hasten on the

fulfillment of the text. We have been turning an important leaf in the mighty tome of our national history. One year at the gates of this continent over 500,000 emigrants ar rived. I was told by the commissioner of emigration that the probability was that in that year 600,000 emigrants would arrive at the different gates of commerce. Who were they? The paupers of Europe? No. At Kansas City I was told by a gentleman, who had opportunity for large investigation, that a great multitude had gone through there, averaging in wordly estate \$800. was told by an officer of the government, who had opportunity for authenthousands had gone, averaging \$1,000 | ville and directed to Mr. Evans: in possession each. I was told by the commission of emigration that 20 fami-\$85,000 with them. Mark you, fami- amining the claims of South Carolina. lies, not tramps. Additions to the nacross the sea. Some of them had Christ in the steerage all across the waves and | thus perfect the vouchers their claims they will have Christ in the rail trains | will be disallowed. which at 5 o'clock every afternoon start for the great west. They are being four days before he sent the check to the cost of labor and the profits of the taken by the commission of emigration in New York, taken from the vessels, protected from the Shylocks and the sharpers, and, in the name of God and humanity, passed on to their destination, and there they will turn your wilderness into gardens, if you will build | would be allowed by the government. | mill in the price realized for the raw schools and send to them Christian there was no special forms and none mill is the employment it affords to

been to Oregon, that shows that you with receipt from each man. have not been to Texas. A fishing smack today on Lake Ontario might as well be afraid of being crowded by oththan all the Austrian empire, yet the Austrian empire supports 35,000,000 people. The one State of Texas is larger than all France, and France supports 36,000,000 people. The one State of Texas far surpasses in size the German empire. yet the Germanic empire supports 41,000,000 people. I tell you the great want of the western states is more population.

While some people may stand at the gates of the city saying, "Stay back!" to foreign populations, I press out as get \$1.50 per day, except officers, who far beyond those gates as I can press out beyond them and beckon to foreign nations, saying, "Come, come, all ye people who are honest and industrious tween enrollment for the service and the service and the same of the service and th and God loving!" But say you, "I am pressed them, and they want free Amer ica! Give them the great gospel of welcome. Throw around them all up correct rolls. Christian hospitalities. They will add their industry and hard earned wages month's extra pay for the First Regito this country, and then we will dedicate all to Christ and "thy land shall it being obtained, as the regiment was be married." But where shall the mar-riage altar be? Let it be the Rocky Bunker Hill and Independence hall and | mountains, when, through artificial and Gettysburg. "I did not start this na-tion for such a farce." "No!" cry 10.- he covered, as they will be, with vine-He owns nothing but a knife for universal cutthroatery and a nitrogly-cerin bomb for universal explosion.

He believes in no God no government.

He believes in no God no government. But there is another suitor that pres- and the Charlestons of the Pacific coast full view of a number of persons on the dude with toothpick shoes and miscro-

Christ is so desirous to have organ of the loudest thunders that ever this world love him that he stops at no shook the Sierra Nevadas on the one humiliation of simile. He compares his side or moved the fundations of the grace to spittle on the eyes of the blind | Alleghanies on the other side should man. He compares himself to a hen open full diapason of wedding march gathering the chickens, and in my text | that organ of thunders could not drown he compares himself to a suitor begging | the voice of him who would take the hand of this bride of nations, saying. "as a bridegroom rejoiceth over a bride, so thy God rejoiceth over thee." , At that marriage banquet the platters shall be of Nevada silver, and the chalices of California gold and the fruits of northern orchards and the spices of southern my Lord, the King, suffered in torture groves and the tapestry of American as follows: manufacture and the congratulations from all the free nations of earth and from all the triumphant armies of heaven. And so thy land shall be married. THE CROPS AND WEATHER.

Miscellaneous business, appointment

What the Department of Agriculture | burg. Says About Them.

The following is the weekly bulletin of the condition of the weather and crops of the state issued Wednesday by announced it to the other vessels that the South Carolina section of the climate and crop service of the United

States weather bureau: The week ending May 29th averaged over four degrees cooler than usual, with an extreme minimum of 45 degrees at Walhalla on the 25th.

The rainfall for the week was heavy at a few widely separated points, but was generally light and insufficient to relieve the prevailing drought. In some localities no rain fell. The need of rain is general and is indicated for all crops. Hail fell over the central and eastern counties on the 22d, but in Spartanburg, Union, Orangeburg and Colleton only was any considerable damage done, and over small areas in those counties.

The dry weather was favorable for cultivation; farm work make rapid progress and field crops are free from grass and weeds. Late planted seeds are not all up, and large areas remain to be planted to corn and cotton should the ground become softened sufficiently to permit preparation within the next

fortnight. Where moisture is lacking corn is turning yellow, and late plantings are not up. Over about half the State the crop is in good condition, and over the more easterly counties is being laid by. Worms and grasshoppers have damaged corn in places.

The cool weather was unfavorable for cotton, which is making slow growth, and in a few localities is infested by lice. Late plantings not up. Sea island cotton has good stands.

Late tobacco settings have poor stands, and in a few localities the plants are dying for want of moisture. Early plantings are doing well. Worms have appeared in one county.

Wheat is ripening and harvesting has begun. Wheat and oats are below former expectations, the latter being a short crop generally for fall sown and failure for spring sown. The weather has been favorable for harvesting. Rice is doing well in most districts

and has good stands. In Colleton some fields are infested by caterpillars Hoeing has begun in the Georgetown district and is well advanced elsewhere. Melons, sugar cane and minor crops que promising. Tru enerally cor

farms in the Charleston district were visited by heavy rains and are greatly improved. Some few peas have been planted on

stubble lands but the ground is generally too dry. No improvement in the fruit prospects.

WILL BE PAID.

Volunteer Soldiers Certain of Getting Some Extra Money.

Mr. W. Boyd Evans has received a leter from Judge C. P. Townsend which is of especial interest to those having claims against the government yet unadjusted as well as to volunteer soldiers of this State. Following is an tic investigation, that thousands and extract from a letter dated at Bennetts-"I returned from Washington last

night. When I called on the auditor lies that had recently arrived brought of the war department I found him ex-He informs me that all are audited extional wealth, not subtractions there- cept four claims, one of them being for from. I saw some of them reading their the Coast Line and the other for only Bibles and their hymnbooks, thanking small amounts. I have written the God for his kindness in helping them parties and informed them that unless they sign the papers and send them and

> Governor Ellerbe. I think you will re- middlemen. Moreover, the cotton ceive the checks in the course of ten

days.
"I exhibited to him the submitted for them churches and establishfor them | He further informed me that when | material. Another advantage of a local would be required for making out claims | many who would otherwise be idle Are you afraid this continent is going of officers and men. The rolls must This employment adds to the farmers to be overcrowded with this population? | show the names, number of days served | income and the industrial community Ah, that shows you have not been to between the entry into the service and which always springs up about a suc-California, that shows you have not the muster in, the amount due each cessful mill will furnish a ready market

certificate of some military officer as to and vegetables, thus still further adcorrectness of the rolls and also at- ding to the profits of the farmers. There er shipping before night as for any one of the next ten generations of Amerias you sent me. I think the form of of the south, due largely to the lack of cans to be afraid of being overcrowded roll adopted by Captain Carson, judging paying development. Cotton mills in by foreign populations in this country. from the duplicate of it you sent to me, the small towns would absorb much of The one State of Texas is far larger will do. The auditor said it must apthis idle labor, Mr. Tompkins conpear that the men actually volunteered | tends with good reason that the benefit for this purpose.

"This, I think, embraces all the information I received. If there is any- the district. Money becomes more thing more you would like me to look | plentiful, the roads are improved and a into, I will promptly do so.

"Sincerely, "C. P. Townsend." the muster in or rejection from the mills in the south are located in South so afraid that they will bring their pre- United States army. But a receipt for Carolina towns, and there is room for judices for foreign governments and plant them here," Absurd. They are the sooner the captains forward the sick of the governments that have op- rolls the sooner will the men be paid.

An effort will be made to secure a ment. But there is some doubt about mustered out before the law allowing extra pay was passed.

Five People Drowned.

PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Editors Will Spend Week at Harris Lithia Springs in July.

The South Carolina State Press Association will meet this year at Harris Lithia Springs, July 25-28 inclusive, and promises to be a most interesting occasion. The program for the week is

TUESDAY, JULY 25-3 P. M. Organization.

of committees, reports of officers, etc. A symposium, "The Newspaper."

1. How to Buy the Stock—J. L. Sims, Times and Democrat, Orange-

2. How to Print It-Geo. E. Grist, Enquirer Yorkville. 3, How to Get the News-A. Kohn News and Courier, Columbia. 4. How to Make it Readable-E. H

Aull. Herald and News, Newberry. 5. How to Circulate It-J. C. Gar ington, Herald, Spartanburg. General discussion of the above sub-

(Evening Session.) "Scraps of History of Journalism in South Carolina"-continued from the session of two years ago-Yates Snowden, News and Courier, Charleston. WEDNESDAY-9 A. M.

Semi-Weekly"-J. T. Bigham, Lantern, Chester. "The Relation of the Newspaper to Public Men"-J. C. Hemphill, News

"Advantages and Disadvantages of a

and Courier, Charleston. General discussion of the above sub-Miscellaneous subjects.

(Afternoon Session.)
"For What Am I Running a Newspaper?"-E. W. Nolley, Herald, Con-The Future of the Southern Wo

man in Journalism"—Mrs. Virginia D. Young, Enterprise, Fairfax. General discussion of the above sub Miscellaneous subjects.

(Evening Session.) "The Editor as a Judge of the Good Things of Life"-James T. Bacon, Chronicle, Edgefield. General discussion of the above sub-

THURSDAY-9 A. M. "The Relation of the Daily to the Country Weekly"-N. G. Gonzales,

The State, Columbia. "Newspaper Fakes and Fates"-C. W. Wolfe, Record, Kingstree. General discussion of the above sub-

Miscellaneous subjects. (Afternoon Session)

"The Importance of an Ideal in Journalism"-Rev W M Grier, D D A R. Presbyterian, Due West. General discussion of the above sub-

(Evening Session) At 8:30 o'clock the annual address before the association will be delivered by Col Pleasant A Stovall, editor of the Press, Savannah, Ga. At the conclusion of Colonel Stovall's

address, a banquet will be tendered the tion by Mr Harris. FRIDAY-9 A. M.

"Personal Reminiscences of South Carolina Journalism," to be opened by Col J A Hoyt, Mountaineer, Greenville, and followed by Col T B Crews, Herald, Laurens; L M Grist, Enquirer, Yorkville; Chas Petty, Spartan, Spartanburg; F Melchers, Zeitung, Charleston; Rev Sidi H Browne, Christian Neighbor, Columbia; Gen R R Hemphill, Medium, Abbeville; M B Mc-Sweeney, Guardian, Hampton; W P Houseal, Observer, Newberry.

Build Cotton Mills. Mr. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, streams in the State above the tide wa-N. C., is one of the most successful cotter line, and will speedily obtain in ton manufacturers in the south, and is them, if effective measures are not doing much to encourage and improve taken to avert it. No such measures this industry. In a recent interview | will be taken, it is very plain, unless Mr. Tompkins advocates the building of cotton mills in small towns. He be- on their own behalf. Whether the end lieves that this is the surest way to restore prosperity to the cotton districts. and that such mills properly built and managed, will prove excellent investments for their owners or stockholders. Mr. Tompkins believes that the erection of a cotton mill in a country community will promptly enhance the value of the cotton product of the immediate district by affording a home market for a large portion, if not all of the output of the farms. A home market means "I asked the auditor to wait three or the saving of transportation charges

turned into cloth is worth three times as much in the case of coarse cloth than the raw material; hence the working copy of the act you sent me and he said into cloth of the raw cotton at home this was all right, and \$1.50 per day adds the profit and the wages of the for the minor products of the farms, "He further said there must be the such as meat, poultry, butter, fruits that is, that they went to Columbia of a cotton mill to a town is both direct and far-reaching. It gives an air of business and thrift to the locality and contagious business briskness extends throughout the community. Many towns in both the Carolinas have taken Captains of companies should go to on new life since cotton mills were built

A Child's Horrible Death.

An 18-months-old child of Mr. John H. Clegg, of Greenwood, met with horrible death Wednesday afternoon. The little one was playing around the kitchen and got hold of the kerosene can and drank a quantity of the fluid. Congestion followed and the little one died in a few hours. The child's mother died very suddenly about ten days ago.

SHOULD BE LOOKED AFTER.

Violations of the Fish Law on the Edisto River.

> The Legislature at its recent session, Kohn, the wide-awake Columbia correspondent of the News and Courier, refused to provide for a "fish patrol," and there is now, therefore, no one wholesale and senseless destruction of fish in the waters of the State, even in those to which they resort for spawning purposes, and the result is exhibited in the letter of Mr. Frank M. Stubbs to Governor Ellerbe. Writing in the interest of the people living along the Edisto River, Mr. Stubbs reports, in substance, that he spent an few days, recently, on the river, covering a distance of about twenty miles above and below Branchville, and adds:

"All the outlets to lakes, slews, guts, in fact every opening where fish go out to spawn, bed and raise their young, is entirely closed with fine gauze net, with trap in the centre, that catches every neous. The gun was put away fish that tries to pass and prevents any from passing. These traps are put in and fished by a few men, two living at Edisto Station, four miles from Branch- was then admitted. ville, towards Augusta. They are fishing for market, of course, and against the wishes of the citizens and their interests; that is, of those living along the river, who like to have some sport some time with a hook and line. They will destroy the fish soon, if it is not stop-

In commenting on the matter The News and Courier says "there is ample law on the statute books to prevent the use of such destructive devices, and to punish the men who employ them, but there is no one to enforce it. The Legislature refused to make a specific appropriation for the purpose of a pahas "no way of reaching the offenders." It is suggested, therefore, that the only thing that can be done in the circum-

stances is for the people themselves to punish the offenders, and the matter must rest on that suggestion. The Governor is not at fault, certainly, and is powerless to remedy the fault of the Legislature, which is wholly to blame for the condition described. That body will not meet again until next year, and there is no reason whatever to expect or hope that it will take any action for the effective protection of the fisheries when it meets. It has paid little or no attention to the appeals and arguments for such action that have been addressed to it heretofore, and has allowed some of the most important fishing interests in the State to be practically ruined with the same indifference which it has so persistently manifested with regard to the destruction of the equally important sheep and wool interest. It has seen the streams of the State, from the sea to the mountains, nearly denuded of all the varied and valuable food fishes which once swarmed in them, without making one adequate effort to arrest the evil, and finally, at its last session, turned over every stream in the State to the greed of ignorant and unscrupulous marauders, by calling off the lonely and illpaid patrol before provided, and leaving them free to prosecute their bad business at their pleasure and without fear of interruption. The people living along the streams can protect their own interests in them if they will by reperting and prosecuting the offenders of every class, and the grand juries of one and healthy use or two of the upper counties have recently been induced to move in the matter, in view of the wholesale and nearly complete destruction of the fish in the streams in their counties. The condition which has thus been forced

is worth the effort is a question which they must decide for themselves.' ---LIFE---

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prominent railroad contractor. The little girl admits the crime and whose special business it is to stop the the boy adds that he did what he could to kill his father. The father is said to have been very cruel to his family and this appears to have been the motive for the crime. It was committed while the mother was at a neighbor's, and after the killing the girl prepared lunch in the usual way, and when the mother returned the three sat down and ate, while the body of the father lay a few rods away in the rear of the house. The rifle of the father was used for

the purpose. While the little boy steadied the weapon the girl fired it from a rear window. Her aim was true, and a great hole was torn in her father's back. Death must have

nothing said of the crime until the mother became alarmed at the long absence of the father, and the shooting

The children are quite bright, and seem to think the cruelty of their parent warranted the murder. The girl spoke freely to the wife of the jailor in Rapid City the day of the crime. "You see," she said, "papa was very mean to mama and us, and Nicholas

and I were talking about having him hanged, and he came in the house and kicked me. Nicholas ran to him, and he got kicked too. Then papa went out behind the house to fix a buggy whip, and we thought he was going to whip us, so Nicholas got the rifle and cocked it, as he had seen papa do, and I put it through the window close to where papa stood. I pulled the trigger not available for that purpose, and he and it kicked me down, but when I looked out papa was rolling on the ground, but did not speak."



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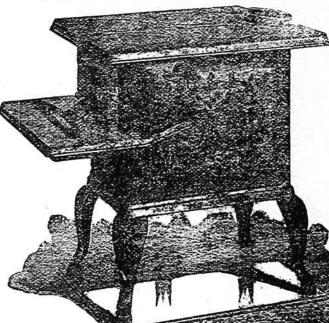
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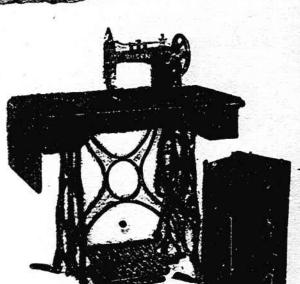
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